GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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MODERNISATION OF PRISONS IN RAJASTHAN
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the central share provided for modernisation of prisons in Rajasthan alongwith the heads under which the said fund has been provided during each of the last three years;

(b) whether the work under the first phase of the centrally sponsored scheme for modernisation of prisons has been completed;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) the time by when the second phase of the said scheme is likely to be initiated; and

(f) the steps taken to complete the work under the first phase expeditiously?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI MANIKRAO H. GAVIT)

(a): The central assistance released to the Government of Rajasthan under the scheme of Modrnization of Prisons from 2005-06 to 2007-08 is given as under for the construction of new jails, repair, renovation and extension of existing jails, construction of staff quarters and for improvement of water and sanitation in jails:

Year	Amount (Rs. in crore)
2005-06	5.4691
2006-07	2.1692
2007-08 (upto February 2008)	9.9109
Total	17.5492

(b) to (d): As per the latest report dated 17.3.2008 received from the Government of Rajasthan, out of 10 new jails to be constructed under the scheme, 5 jails have been completed. Further 18 new barracks which were to be constructed have been completed. Out of 361 staff quarters to be constructed, the construction of 62 staff quarters have been completed. The total expenditure incurred by the State Government is Rs. 49.1856 crore as against the total release of Rs. 62.50 crore (central and state share taken together).

The scheme which was to end on 31.3.2007 has been extended to 31.3.2009 to enable the State Governments to complete the project.

(e): The second phase of the scheme will be considered only after successful completion of the first phase.

(f): The implementation of the scheme is monitored through review meetings, periodical reports, site visits etc. The State Governments have been asked to complete the entire project activity by 31.3.2009.